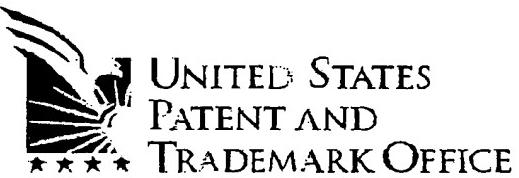


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Dear Sir:

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for her consideration in returning their representative's phone call regarding the preliminary amendments that are not in the file in this matter.

As per the Examiner's request, the Applicants include herewith copies of the three preliminary amendments previously filed on January 22, 2002, January 25, 2002 and March 27, 2002 and the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmissions from the PTO, acknowledging receipt of the amendments.

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